### ON OUR BOOK TABLE.

SOME OF THE LATEST OFFERINGS TO THE READING WORLD.

Literary Notes and Comments on the Authors of the Day and Their Productions-New Books

The publishers of "Quo Vadis," Little, Brown & Co., Boston, have just issued a beautiful holiday edition of Sienkiewicz remarkable novel. It is in two volumes, is bound in rich purple cloth, with outer cover of purple, and inclosed in a decorative box of the same color. The volumes are illustrated with original drawings representing scenes from the story, and with reproductions of portrait busts of Nero, Poppaea and other characters. Maps of ancient Rome and vicinity and diagrams of the in-Rome and vicinity and diagrams of the interior of Roman houses are useful additions, reference to them making even more vivid the striking descriptions of Roman life which are such a feature of the work. Although these descriptions are, in a literary sense, the most effective parts of the novel, it is probably not these, but the religious element involved, that has given it its great popularity, for, notwithstanding the flood of decadent fection and the pessimistic theory entertained by many that it meets a prevailing taste, the fact remains that a fairly well written tale with a religious coloring or with the moral element prominent is sure to win readers where the other kind fails. Certainly the success of this tale from the Polish, so well translated by Mr. Curtin, justifies the American publishers in issuing a handsome special edition.

"Shelleb McLood." By Guy Boothby,

"Sheilah McLeod." By Guy Boothby. Frederick A. Stokes Company. New York. The scene of this story is not Scotland, as the name seems to indicate, but Australia, and owing to "local color" the many and perilous adventures of the hero have for the most part the merit of novelty to readers familiar with the much traveled field of romance. Sheilah is the good angel of the story, and a pretty character. After a proper period of dangers and anxieties to test the faith of the lovers, even after they are married, safety and peace come to them on the Friendly islands, where they are left with the probability that they will live happily ever after. Guy Boothby, the author, is a comparatively new name in fiction, and shows considerable promise.

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"The Golden Treasury of American Songs and Lyries." Edited by Frederick Lawrence Knowles., L. C. Page & Co., Boston. The editor of this attractive work claims, with some truth, that most collections of American verse include too much and are largely uncritical in, selection. His aim in the present work is to preserve a limited number of poems, not more than 15e, but these are the very best of the lyries written by poets of our land. He admits the danger of this exacting honor roll, that every reader, no doubt, will find some precious favorite omitted, and many critics will disparage the judgment which has left out some well known verse and included another of less fame. Still, he upholds his plan, and declares that he has not put finto his book a single poem simply because it is well known. He is sure that his attempt to winnow closely is in the right direction, and we are of the opinion that the majority of critics and careful readers will agree with him. All at least will appreciate the fine judgment and clear understanding of genuine poetic merit which has been behind this collection. No arrangement of the verse has been attempted, except a chronological one, and this is hardly observed with strictness, the periods of authors overlapping one another. The volume begins with Freneau's verses on "The Wild Honeysuckle" and ends with poets as recent as Bliss Carman and Lloyd Mifflin. Sixty-one poets are drawn from, Edgar A. Poe most numerously, and Lowpoets as recent as Bliss Carman and Lloyd Mifflin. Sixty-one poets are drawn from, Edgar A. Poe most numerously, and Lowell next in number. From the larger number of poets only one selection each has been made. One merit of the book, in our opinion, is found in its inclusion in fine poems that are but slightly known, such as Tooker's "The Return," Sill's "The Future." and we find four of Lloyd Mifflin's admirable sonnets, which, though unfamiliar to many, were never excelled in American verse.

"The Living Christ." By Paul Tyner.
The Temple Publishing Company, Denver,
Paul Tyner created something of a sensation a year and a half ago by a series
of sermons he delivered in the Church
of the Messiah, New York city, on "The
Living Christ," which are now offered in
book form. They constitute an agreement, or, more properly, an exposition of
the immortality of man in soul and body,
with especial stress in relation to the latter. Mr. Tyner claims immortality for
man in a physical body, "to be attained
by another and better process than we
call death." He believes that the resurrected Jesus of Nazareth is still living by another and better process than we call death." He believes that the resurrected Jesus of Nazareth is still living on earth among men in the very body and flesh in which He rose from the grave centuries ago—the body in which He passed through closed doors and brick walls—and he claims to have seen, heard and talked with the Risen One, first in spiritual vision, and afterward through other and more tangible perceptions. His argument takes up the scriptural evidences going to show that Christ demonstrated the fact of immortality in the flesh, the proofs of man's bodily immortality in the flesh, His creed is that "whoever lives in absolute consciousness of his oneness with eternal life is no longer subject to death; nor to the final destruction of his physical body, nor even to any of these lesser degrees of death which we call disease, deformity, infirmity and old age. He may, if he chooses, live perpetually in the body of flesh."

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"Paul Travers' Adventures." By Sam T. Clover. Way & Williams, Chicago. This is just the breezy story boys will like, with a hero brave enough to meet denger unflinchingly. And yet Paul Travers is not too courageous to be true. There are times when this venturesome traveler in his journey around the world has a sneaking longing to be home, safe and sound, and on occasions he gives way to homesickness, which shows that he is not "too bright or good," and that he is a regular boy after all. Paul has made hosts of friends, though his adventures were first published in book form only a month ago. The story has established its popularity with juvenile readers, who are very exact critics, and who are not to be satisfied with anything that falls short of the highest standards. The story that is "slow," strained or unnatural is mercilessly condemned by them, though they may bring no specific charges—they simply ignore the tale, leave it unread, which is the severest form of criticism.

There is nothing strained or unnatural in the record of Paul's experiences. The story proceeds with a dash and vim that will recommend it to the boy reader; there are exciting incidents galore, tempered by the wise judgment of the author, who never allows matters to reach a melodramatic point. Paul is excellent company, and it is a treat to attend him on his traveis. The book is made very attractive to the eye by reason of Bert Castidy's excellent illustrations. The handsome cover is the work of the same artist.

"The Century Cook Book and Home Physician." Laird & Lee Chicago. These

"The Century Cook Book and Home Physician." Laird & Lee, Chicago. These publishers have brought out a new and handsome edition of "The Century Cook Book and Home Physician." by Jennie A. Hansey and Dr. N. T. Oliver. A good cook book is always a book to encurage. Bad cooking has wrecked both the health and happiness of millions of homes. A man who is humane, moral, and unselfish, with an indigestible dinner in his stomach, deserves great praise, for he is an exception. Bad cooking produces bad temper, and bud temper bad acts. The divorce courts are pretty much all fed by bad cooking and the saloon, and the laster is often resorted to to get an aid to direction. Every American woman should own a good cook book and then study it.

"With a Pessimist in Spain." By Many

"With a Pessimist in Spain." By Mary F. Nixen. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. Information when sugar coated as adroitly as one finds it in this volume may be taken in large doses and found palaiable. The author is a Chicago woman with a taste for travel and a happy knack for telling the story of her pilgrimages in a breezy, eminently readable manner. The "pessimist" in this case is much more agreeable than her name (for it is a woman) would lend one to suppose. Her companion is a lively young girl twenty years her junior, who might be accused of gushing, after the manner of youthful enthusiasts, so the cynical opinions of her companion balance the recital admirably. We have both sides of the question presented, which is much better than to listen to one person's account unchallenged.

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Miss Nixon has conned her guide book well, and is very systematic in the way she pilots her render through the land of the Cid. She gives the conventional data concerning towns, churches, ruins and the usual objects of interest to tourists but it is all so pleasantly interwoven with anecdotes of everyday life, of the quaint customs there and the perplexities which encounter the stranger that the whole is far more entertaining than the usual budget of notes brought home by trayelers, Facts, fiction and folkiore are mixed in delightful proportions, the garrulous peasants and the ever willing guides give their version of history as it has come down to them, often

very much distorted, but never uninteresting, and the author kindly allows her readers to sift the grain from the chaff as she was obliged to do. Cadiz, Seville, old Madrid, a little of their past, but more of the present time, are included in the tour; all the prescribed shrines are visited, but Miss Nixon's sprightly humor lends a freshness to more than twice told tales. "With a Pessimist in Spain" would be a very good book for the journeyer to that country to tuck into his traveling bag, while those who must stay at home will derive much pleasure in following Miss Nixon's entertaining and instructive story.

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"The Signal Boys of "5." By James Otis. Estes & Lauriat, Boston. This is a tale of Boston during the siege. Very precoclous boys are these young patriots, and at a tender age they are concerned with some important questions touching their country's welfare, questions that were bothering older heads as well. Amos Richardson is a stanch soldier and able leader, but there is one among the signal boys who is not courageous, and whose heart fails him when he most needs strength. The barber's assistant, Hardy Eaker, through sheer carelessness, allows himself to be caught by the British. When he is tried the stern judge threatens to hang him if he does not disclose the whereabouts of his companions. Thereupon the frightened prisoner tells all the story—how the signal boys have plotted to harass the English soldiers and where they are hiding. Of course, this treachery means trouble for the "rebels," but in the end all turns out well. Later these same brave boys enter the American army, serving in the artillery, acquitting themselves honorably.

There are many stirring scenes depicted in this good story, which is one sure to find its way to the hearts of all boys who love their country and reverence the brave heroes who fought for and won its freedom.

Books Received.

THE CENTURY COOK BOOK AND HOME PHYSICIAN. By Jennie A. Hansey and Dr. N. T. Oliver. Cloth, 253 pages, marble edges, illustrated. Laird & Lee, Chicago.

THE ENCHANTED BURRO. By Charles F. Lummis. Cloth 277 pages cilt ton F. Lummis, Cloth, 277 pages, gilt top, illustrated, Price, \$1.50. Way & Williams, Chicago. AT THE CROSS ROADS. By F. F. Mon-tresor. Cloth, 425 pages, gilt top. D. Appleton & Co., New York.

LETTERS TO AN UNKNOWN. By Prosper Merimee. Cloth 36 pages, gilt top. Price, \$1.25. Brentano's, New York and Chicago. H. T. Wright, Kansas City. Chleago. H. T. Wright, Kansas City.
COLONIAL VERSES. By Ruth Lawrence.
Cloth, 32 pages, gilt top, illustrated. Price
\$1.25. Brentano's, New York and Chicago.
H. T. Wright, Kansas City.
LET US FOLLOW HIM. By Henry Sienkiewicz. Cloth, 91 pages. Little, Brown &
Co., Boston.

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A BOOK OF TRUE LOVERS. By Octave Thanet. Cloth, 277 pages, gilt top. Price \$1.25. Way & Williams, Chicago.

GYPSY'S YEAR AT GOLDEN CRESCENT. By Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Cloth, 276 pages, illustrated. Price \$1.50. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.

LOGG, Mead & Co., New York.

UNTOLD TALES OF THE PAST. By
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BYE-WAYS. By Robert S. Hichens. Cloth,
256 pages. Price, \$1.25. Dodd, Mead &
Co., New York.
THE TRAGEDY OF HAMLET. Illustrated by H. C. Christy. Cloth, 254 pages,
full gilt. Price, \$2. Dodd, Mead & Co.,
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SIR TOADY LION. By S. R. Crockett,
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Frederick A. Stokes Company, New
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By F. L. Knowles. Cloth, 37 pages. Price
50 cents, L. C. Page & Co., Boston.

Christmas number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly opens with a Christmas story by Frank R. Stockton, entitled "Old Applejoy's Ghost," which contains a particularly clever idea worked out in Mr. Stockton's well known pleasing manner. It is illustrated with three full page drawings by George Wright.

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by George Wright.

Hon, James H. Eckels, comptroller of the currency, writes in the December Forum on "The Wolcott Commission and Its Results" and the effect of the failure of the commission on our monetary legislation. It goes without saying that the discussion of this question, by so eminent an authority on monetary matters cannot fall to be of unusual interest.

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An article entitled "The Life of Grant." in the December Midland Monthly, describes the thwarted conspiracy to take Missouri out of the Union. In January will begin the story of Grant's campaign in the West, bringing it down to where General Porter's book begins. Colonel F. D. Grant in a letter to the editor pronounces the Midland life of his father "intensely interesting" and "valuable," and the "most accurate" that has yet appeared.

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Senator Justin S. Morrill, the nestor of the United States senate, presents in the December Forum his third series of "Notable Letters From My Political Friends." This article contains exceedingly interesting letters from Horace Greeley, Charles Sumner, General W. T. Sherman, Hamilton Fish, General W. T. Sherman, Hamilton They give the reader an inside glimpse of the opposition to General Grant arising from his treatment of Ambassador Motley and the signing of the San Domingo treaty.

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from his treatment of Ambassador Motley and the signing of the San Dominge treaty.

"Who Will Exploit China?" is the title of the more thoughtful article in the International for December. Only the first half of the article is given in this month's issue and it is safe to say that whoever reads this half will read that which is to appear in the January number. The author, Rene Pinon, discusses the state of affairs in the far East, and he evinces consummate ability in the way he does it. This article is being commented upon in all the leading reviews of the world, and the International deserves the thanks of every thoughtful American for bringing it out in English in its entirety.

"Endymlon" is the title of a serial from the Swedish begun in the Christmas International. The scene is laid in Damascus, and the descriptions of that strange, "sleeping city" completely fascinate one. The author. Verner von Heldenstam, besides being one of Sweden's greatest novelists, is considered, abroad, one of the foremost writers on the Orient and its customs. Indeed, "Endymlon" fiself has been pronounced the finest thing ever written on that subject, and as the work of translating into English is done by Lady Anna von Rydingsvard, it loses nothing in the process. The chief figures in the story are an American girl, a young Arab and a German doctor, and the interest in the plot is made greater by that we feel in seeing how a Swedish author deals with the former.

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Letters Suggesting the Purchase of Publications That Have Long Been Kept on File.

Mrs. Whitney, the public librarian, has recently received a number of letters asking if the library contained any magazines. the special library committee advising the purchase of certain magazines which the library has had on file since the magazine

azines on file here there is in the country,' said Mrs. Whitney yesterday. "We have nearly all the magazines of recognized

Magazines and Periodicals for 1898.

American Architect, weekly, American Banker, weekly, \*American Historical Review, quarterly, American Journal of Science, monthly, \*American Journal of Sociology, bi-month-\*American Law Review, bl-monthly,

\*American Magazine of Civics, monthly,
American Monthly, monthly,

\*Annals of American Academy, etc., bi-

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\*Arena, monthly.
Argonaut (San Francisco), weekly.
Army and Navy Journal, weekly.
Art Journal (Lendon), monthly.
Athenaeum, weekly.

\*Atlantic Monthly (2), monthly.
Banker and Tradesman (Boston), weekly.

Birks, monthly.

Birks, monthly.

\*Birds, monthly.
\*Blackwood's magazine (New York), \*Blackwood's magazine (New York), monthly.

\*Book Buyer, monthly.

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\*Bookman (New York edition), monthly.

\*Bookman (London edition), monthly.

\*Carpentry and Building, monthly.

\*Cassell's Magazine of Art, monthly.

\*Catholic World, monthly.

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\*Charities Review, monthly.

\*Contemporary Review, monthly.

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\*Cornenid magazine (London), monthly.

\*Cosmopolitan (2), monthly.

\*Corrent History (2), quarterly.

\*Current History (2), quarterly.

\*Current Literature, monthly.

Doutsche Rundschau, monthly.

Documents d'Architecture, monthly.

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Dramatic Mirror, weekly.

\*Current Literature, monthly.
Deutsche Rundschau, monthly.
Documents d'Architecture, monthly.
Dramatic Mirror, weekly.
\*Dublin Review, quarterly.
\*Electric Magazine, monthly.
\*Edinburgh Review, quarterly.
\*Education, monthly.
Electrical World, weekly.
Engineering and Mining Journal, weekly.
Engineering News and American Railroad Journal, weekly.
\*Essex Antiquarian, monthly.
Farm and Home (Springfield, Mass.),
semi-monthly.
Fliegende Blatter, weekly.
\*Forum, monthly.
Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly (2),
monthly.
Garden & Forest, weekly.

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Garden & Forest, weekly.
Gentlemen's Magazine, monthly.

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Harper's Bazar, weekly.

Harper's Magazine (2), monthly.

Harper's Weekly (2), weekly.

Independent, weekly.

Irrigation Age, monthly.

Judge (3), weekly.

Library Journal, monthly.

Leslie's Weekly, weekly.

Library Journal, monthly.

Life (3), weekly.

International Journal of Ethics, quarterly.

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\*Literature (London edition), weekly.

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\*Littell's Living Age, weekly. \*Little Journeys, monthly. London Graphic (London edition), week-

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\*London Punch, weekly.
London Times, weekly.
Longman's Magazine, monthly.
Macmillan's Magazine, monthly.

\*Missionary Review, monthly.

\*Municipal Affairs, quarterly.

\*Munsey (2), monthly.

\*Music (Chicago), monthly. "Munsey (2), monthly.

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Musical Times (London), monthly.

"Nation, weekly.

"New England Magazine, monthly.

"New Illustrated Magazine (2), mor (formerly "English Illustrated").

"New Review, monthly.

"New World, quarterly.

"Nineteenth Century, monthly.

"North American Review, monthly.
Outing, monthly.

\*North American Review, monthly.
Outing, monthly.
Outing, monthly.
Outlook, weekly.
\*Overland Monthly, monthly.
Fall Mail Magazine, monthly.
\*Pennsylvania Magazine, quarterly.
\*Poet Lore, quarterly.
\*Poet Lore, quarterly.
\*Poitical Science Quarterly, quarterly.
\*Populical Science Monthly, monthly.
\*Publishers' Weekly.
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Puck, weekly (3).
\*Puritan, monthly.
\*Quarterly Review (N. Y.), quarterly.
Railway Age, weekly.
\*Review of Reviews (New York edition),
monthly.
\*Review of Reviews (London edition),
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\*Review of the monthly.

\*St. Nicholas, monthly.

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\*Stientific American, weekly.

\*Scientific American Supplement, weekly.

\*Scientific American Builders' Edition,

\*Scientific American Suppendent, weekly,
monthly.

\*Scottish Review, quarterly.
\*Scottish Review, quarterly.
\*Scribner's Magazine (2) monthly.
\*Sound Currency, semi-monthly.
\*Studio (London), monthly.
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Temple Bar, monthly.
\*Theater (London), monthly.
\*Theater (London), monthly.
\*United States Investor, weekly.
\*Virginia Magazine, quarterly (New subject to begin with July, 1889.
\*Westminster Review (N. Y.), monthly.
\*Writer, monthly.
\*Yale Review, quarterly.
Youth's Companion, weekly.
\*American Journal of Archaeology, quarterly.
\*Church Quarterly Review quarterly.

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\*Economic Journal, quarterly,

\*Educational Review, monthly,

Engineering Magazine, monthly,

Engish Historical Review, quarterly,

\*Journal of American Folklore, quarterly,

\*Journal of Franklin Institute, monthly,

\*Mind, quarterly,

\*New England Historical and Genealog
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\*New England Thisotreal End Generals leal Register, quarterly,

\*Johns Hopkins University Studies in Historical Science,

\*Southern Historical Society Papers,
Revue des Deux Mondes, semi-monthly,
William and Mary College,

Newspapers for 1898, Atlanta Constitution.

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Boston Herald, seven days.

Chicago Inter Ocean, seven days.

Chicago Tribune, seven days.

Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, seven Denver Republican.

Denver Republican.
London Dally Telegraph, six days.
Louisville Courier-Journal, seven days.
New Orleans Pleayune, seven days.
New York Herald, seven days.
New York Sun, seven days.
New York Tibune, seven days.
Omaha Bee, seven days.
Philadelphia Public Ledger, six days.
San Francisco Chronick, seven days.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat, seven days.
St. Louis Republic, seven days.
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## COMMUNICATIONS.

Review of "A Friend," by one of the Church of This World. In The Journal of November 29 was a communication by one who starts out with "Our friend, Dr. Roberts," and, further on, "our friends, the Unitarians," and signs his very friendly article "A Friend." Now we of the Church of This World are too far removed from the in-nocence of heaven and too worldly wise not to recognize the language of the wolf, even if he does pose as "a friend." We propose, as briefly as possible, to examine the credentials of this "friend," who so innocently seeks to instruct and enlighten us. In the first place, he accuses Dr.

innocently seeks to instruct and enighten us. In the first place, he accuses Dr. Roberts of being the head of a church "whose sayings, in a few short years, are to be bound in a volume that will supersede the Bible itself," etc.

This is immitigated nonsense and as false as it is graviitous. This is not from a triend. He then proceeds to chastise the doctor for descending to school boy vituperation, but forgets to mention that Mr. Robbins gave the provocation in starting out his discourse by calling Dr. Roberts "A backslider from Unitarianism." We know this was Christianlike, but then, pardon us, we of the Church of This World do not accept a thing merely because it is Christian. We do not even turn one check to him who hits the other, like Christians do, and, what is more, do not profess to. And, besides, we discriminate in our thanksgiving. We are very thankful that civilization has evoluted to the give and take era. Not many generations ago we had to take whatever wrong, injustice or indignity Christians saw fit to visit on unbelievers. In those days sceptics had no rights Christians were bound to respect.

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tions ago we had to take whatever wrong, injustice or indignity Christians saw fit to visit on unbelievers. In those days scepties had no rights Christians were bound to respect.

So now we are very thankful those inhuman days have gone, never to return. Next our "friend" invokes the recording angel to "drop a tear upon this interview and blot the same from existence." But we are of the opinion that our solicitous friend need not trouble himself about the tears of the recording angel; for, if there is such an official, he doubtless applies common sense to religion, as well as to business, a thing which some people do not do. After the scene of the weeping angel, our champion proceeds to show how fearful Dr. Roberts' friends are lest he should limit the operations of the Church of This World to this world alone, as its name would seem to indicate, instead of including in his scheme the whole universe, together with the inhabitants of Mars and Jupiter. His "friends" also suffer greatly lest the doctor's "supreme egotism" should lead him to undertake as much as Mohammed, Confucius or Christ. Indeed! What sincere friends these must be! This language and these thoughts did not come from friends, but doubtless originated with "A Friend." When we select a champion to represent us, we will select one who at least knows something of our thoughts, principles and aims, and not one who totally misrepresents, by imputing to us what we neither say, think or believe. Next, our orthodox, mutual and all around "friend" proceeds to sketch the doctor's evolution from a soul saving clergyman to a body and mind saving man; that is, from the darkness of superstition to the light of unfettered freedom. Well, we rather think ourselves there was a time when the doctor really thought he had a mission to save souls; but now, possibly, like the rest of us, is not quite so sure as we used to be as to just what a soul is, if not the intellect or mind; if not this, we hope "Friend" will give us an intelligent definition of what it is. But he the positive assertion of our self-appointed champion, we can truthfully assure him that the woods are full of his sincere admirers, among whom are very many men and women of the highest order of intellect and morals. Had "A Friend" said some Christians (not all), who do not know him, execrate him, then the truth would have been told. Well, while the doctor was with the Unitarians, he "played before the eyes of the people in almost any manner he thought would be the most pleasing." He finally drifted into "a church according to his own plan, without limitations, without fixed principles, without erecd—a house without sides, roof or foundation." It would be difficult to get more absolute falsehood into the same space than is contained in this last quotation. As to being "without limitations," we certainly have them. We limit our operations to this world. As to being "without fixed principles," this charge is both false and slanderous and shows colossal ignorance of the vast field of knowledge which lies outside of orthodoxy. "Without foundation." False again. Our foundation is eternal truth, the pursuit of which is the highest mission of man, and we claim the right to reject the false, whether in Bibles or elsewhere. We believe in the evolution of progress, and can comprehend how a man can swap a superstitious belief for rational and scientific facts, without deserving to be called a "backslider." It would be a more correct use of language to call him a forward-silder. In conclusion, borrowing ecclesiastical phraseology, we say, from all friends such as "A Friend," good Lord deliver us. THIS WORLD. Kansas City, Mo., December 2, 1897.

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To The Journal.

As I am a subscriber to your very entertaining paper, I wish to ask you through the columns of The Journal why it is that this government has never collected any royalty or tax on all the gold that has been mined, and is still being mined by foreigners and taken to Europe to be spent. The English have always charged a tax on the precious metals, why can't our government do the same? If this plan were adopted, this terribie pension burden would cease, the howlers against pensions would soon stop, for the amount collected next year in Alaska would reduce the pension list to nothing. If we must give away the gold, why charge for the seals, or the timber and coal, and all other minerals now in Alaska? Why not make all free? I am an old man now, but I have never understood why we do not raise revenue from such mediums. Very respectfully.

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Dated this lêth day of November, 1897.

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ROBERT S. STONE, Sheriff.

Kansas City, Mo., December 1st, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Sarah H. Thwaits, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the probate court of the county of Jackson, state of Missouri, at Kansas City, on the leth day of December, 1897. All persons having claims against said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said lett

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comes said plaintiff, by attorney, and having filed affidavit that defendant has absented himself from usual abode, and cannot be served by ordinary process of law, the court makes the following order: To defendant, George Farmer: You are notified that Ella Farmer has commenced suit against you in the circuit court of Jackson county, state of Missouri, at Kansas City, to secure a divorce from you on the ground of non-support and other indignities; you are required to be and appear before said court on the tenth day of January, 1898, the first day of the term thereof, at the court house of said court in Kansas City, Missouri, and on or before the third day of the term answer said petition, or the same will be taken as confessed and the decree granted as prayed. The foregoing crair shall be published for the time required by law in The Kansas City Journal, A true copy. Attest:

(Seal) H. M. STONESTREET, Clerk, By W. B. WINN, D. C.